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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed January 24, 2006, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Also submitted with this response are the Declaration of John Stevens and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.